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DEMOCRATS SORE

Men Not Content With Running for Big Jobs For Themselves Want to Control All Nominations.

News of the Political World Gathered During the Week from All Sources for Chicago Eagle Readers.

Gossip About Office Holders and Office Seekers and the Things that Are Going On in Official Life in Chicago.

News of the State, County, City and Sanitary District and Items of Interest About Men and Their Ambitions.

The reckless selfishness of Democratic organization slatemakers in trying to dictate to the people as to who shall hold all of the offices has produced a feeling of soreness that is bound to grow.

The forcing of slate candidates down the throats of Chicago voters has produced a lot of bad blood. It is a fair gamble that most of the men who will be nominated are not on slates.

The principal slate makers will need a lot of sympathy after the election is over.

Some candidates are not satisfied with running for an office themselves. They want to say who will fill all the other jobs too.

To the tax-eating city officials who are having a time in Europe on the peoples' money:
Graft, brothers, graft with care,
Graft for an ocean trip so rare,
We're so used to bunk, it
Makes graft for junket
A steady diet on our bill of fare.

The Tax Eaters' Union is making great preparations, it is said, to celebrate the return of the McGann-Richert junketers, and the opening up of a course of European travel at the expense of the Common People, who pay the taxes.

Richert, McGann, et al., should be tendered a public testimonial on their return from their free European junket at the taxpayers' expense. Alderman Merriam should be invited to deliver the address of welcome.

The Illinois Central, which has lobbyists in the management of Republicans and Democrats, ought to pay the State of Illinois what it owes it.

The Democrats only polled 130,702 votes out of 429,310 votes cast in Cook County at the election two years ago, in the fall of 1912. When we look around and see the gazabos who are ignoring harmony and trying to be the whole bakery, we can see their finish right now.

Some Democrats are hogs for defeat. If they have a good appetite for it they will be accommodated.

Barney Weber, Joe Mahoney and John F. O'Malley will have a hard task delivering North Side Democrats to the organization. O'Malley is the only one of the three leaders having a following. He has a following, however, which is loyal and strong.

Eddie Novak of the Tenth, Billy Skidmore of the Thirteenth and George McConnell of the Twentieth, the three West Side leaders, are confident of a solid West Side vote for the Democratic organization.

If there is anything connected with a Trust that Senator L. Y. Sherman is not for, we have not heard of it.

Henry Stuckart is an honorable man who has been true to every public

trust confided in him. It is too bad to see him getting the double cross from the noble order of con politicians.

The Chicago Eagle is tired of handing out bouquets to fellows who act as if it were a bore to accept honors but who have to accept them unwillingly just to oblige the people.

Outside of Kenna and Coughlin in the First Ward, the Democratic organization is not making any claims as yet on the South Side. But when it begins to claim, look out.

Judge Owens, in the opinion of many, is blamed for the sins of others. His alleged ingratitude to political friends is explained by the influence of some of the stiff that he has around him. The list of beneficiaries of the Judge's bounty published some time ago, showed the award of thousands of dollars in fat fees to a lot of fellows who would not give Owens a drink of water if he was thirsty; who have not as much influence with voters as a bedbug and some of whom never vote themselves.

The Progressives showed a keen appreciation of the needs of the Sanitary District when they refused to endorse Wallace G. Clark for re-election.

Some of the gorillas whom the Democratic slatemakers have picked for Municipal Judges would cause jealousy in the monkeys' cage at Lincoln Park because of their varied attractions and fitness for the high office.

Eighteen hand-picked and home-grown Democratic presidential electors out of twenty-nine from Illinois have endorsed Sullivan for Senator.

An official who will take a free European trip at the expense of taxpayers he was paid a big salary to serve will bear watching.

A number of former organization men who were conned into filing petitions and are now so far down on the list that they can't find their own names, are very sore.

Joseph E. Flanagan, the widely known art glass manufacturer, has always run far ahead of his ticket when running for public office. He has always been elected and has always made a good record for ability and honesty. He talks German like a native, is a great campaigner and was encouraged by Democratic "organization" tools to think that he would be nominated for Sheriff. Then they told him they needed him on the ticket for Sanitary Trustee. On their advice he filed a petition and landed thirtieth on the list. Of course he won't run, but he has learned a lot about bull con.

Wallace G. Clark, the Lightly Taxed Sanitary Trustee, was thrown high in the air by anti-Deneen Republicans who framed the following slate:
Sanitary District Trustees—George W. Paullin, Evanston; Charles Goodman, Sixth Ward, and Ernest Bihl, Ninth Ward.

President of the County Board—Alexander A. McCormick, Sixth Ward. County Commissioners (city)—Alex-

ander A. McCormick, Sixth Ward; Florence M. Lorenz, Sixth Ward; Lucy Roth, Twenty-third Ward; Dr. Thomas A. Woodruff, Sixth Ward; S. B. Geiger, Thirty-fifth Ward; Homer J. Smith, Seventh Ward; William R. Cowan, Second Ward; Jacob Ruehmann, Twenty-ninth Ward; Edwin J. Abel, Twenty-third Ward; Peter A. Peterson, Twenty-second Ward. (Country)—Fred D. Mateer, La Grange; John P. O'Connor, Evanston; Samuel S. Dingee, Wilmette; Charles H. Thom-

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as, Chicago Heights; Frederick A. Rowe, Oak Park.
Judges Municipal Court—Hosea W. Wells, Joseph Z. Uhlir, Charles N. Goodwin, Sheridan E. Fry, Hugh B. Stewart, David M. Brothers, Thomas P. Oetigan, James D. Woley, Charles T. Pearson, Elmer W. Adkinson and William R. Petzer.
Treasurer—Frank I. Bennett, Sixth Ward.
Sheriff—Edward Earl O'Neill, Twenty-fifth Ward.
Reviewer—Charles D. Richards, Oak Park.
Assessor—Orris P. Wolf, Thirty-third Ward.

and gold collars worn by the Mayor and Aldermen of Liverpool affected them deeply. So look out for an appropriation for gold chains and gold collars for McGann, Richert & Co. in the next appropriation bill. After all, they would not cost the taxpayers of Chicago as much as this free voyage to Europe has cost them so far.

So sure are some of the organization bosses of fooling the voters this year that their clerks announce that they are "out of the city for the summer."

Probate Judge—Oscar M. Torrison, Twenty-eighth Ward.
County Judge—Henry C. Beittler, Twenty-first Ward.
Probate Court Clerk—Conrad A. Hanson, Thirty-second Ward.
County Clerk—James H. Lawley, Fourteenth Ward.
Criminal Court Clerk—William Armknacht, Twenty-eighth Ward.

There are some good men on the slate. Vote for them and ignore the bad ones.

The best way to bust a slate is to make one of your own.

If the Democrats don't take a big fall out of part of their ticket this year we miss our guess.

Interest in the Senatorial fight has pretty well died out in Chicago.

Attorney General Lucey has decided the following points about the coming primary:

Women will not be permitted to vote for the Cook County managing committees of the parties to which they belong.

The present Republican and Democratic Cook County organizations, controlled, respectively, by former Governor Charles S. Deneen and Roger C. Sullivan, will remain in power until next spring, regardless of the result of the primaries of Sept. 9.

The Progressive party will remain without a legal Cook County organization until next spring.

The office of precinct committee-man, which the last legislature believed it had destroyed, as far as Chicago was concerned, still exists, and the present precinct committeemen will retain office until next spring.

No legal election of ward committeemen can be held at the September primaries.

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WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL,

Popular Democratic Leader, with a Record Full of Honorable Devotion to Friends and Public Duty.

BRADLEY GAINS

Democrats Will Nominate Him for County Treasurer By One of the Largest Primary Votes Recorded.

The Fight for United States Senator, State and County Treasurer and for Mayor Fully Under Way.

Gossip from Individuals and Parties About Men in the Race and What They Are Doing for Their Country.

Items of Interest About People in Public Life and the Ambitions of Both Them and the Men Behind Them.

The Democratic rank and file want Bradley nominated for County Treasurer because he can be elected. The bosses who do not want him are foolish to oppose the wish of the people.

John J. Bradley will be the Democratic nominee for County Treasurer beyond question. He will be elected by a big majority.

John J. Bradley can unite all Federal, State, County and City Democrats for the ticket as the candidate

city council and left that body with an unblemished name and a record that all of his friends were proud of. He has frequently been mentioned for high elective offices by men who desire party success and who know that men like Bradley would lead the Democratic hosts to victory in any battle he was chosen to lead.

His natural modesty and unselfishness have kept him from running for positions that he would honor if he could be induced to make the race.

Governor Dunne will not permit his name to be used as a candidate for appointment to the United States Supreme bench.

Governor Dunne's statement follows:

"Governor Dunne has been requested to permit his name to be presented to President Wilson for consideration in connection with the appointment to the vacancy on the Supreme bench caused by the death of Justice Lurton. With two and one-half years as Governor yet to serve, Governor Dunne would not, at this time, accept the high honor—the highest honor that can be given a lawyer—even though a place on the Supreme bench were tendered him by the President."

"The Governor deems it his duty to continue to fill the high office to which the people of Illinois elected him, striving his utmost to crystallize into law the measures the people want and to give to the people a clean, progressive administration of the affairs of the state."

McGann and Richert would look tough in knee breeches, but they would look grand in long flowing robes and gold collars, with lackeys holding up their trains, like the fellows they are studying on their free-for-everybody-but-the-taxpayers-junket in Europe.

Poor old Uncle Sam is complaining that he is not getting enough returns from that income tax.

We do not think that millionaires who are in or out of politics would intentionally keep away the real truth about their incomes from Uncle Sam.

Believing this, we are not alone in wondering whether the income tax return of Sanitary Trustee Wallace G. Clark, said to be a candidate for re-election, or of his business partner, J. Milton Trainer, or of the firm of Clark & Trainer, differs materially from the personal property tax return of the same people, referred to elsewhere in this issue.

The number of juicy deals from which Clark & Trainer have culled big fees would take up too much space to print just now.

We have room, however, for the following income tax promoter from a recent number of The Economist, the financial and real estate paper:

"The Corn Products Refining Company paid J. Milton Trainer a commission of \$77,000 for the sale of the old sugar refinery property on the river south of Taylor street to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as announced in The Economist some months ago."

"The Michigan Boulevard Building, at the southwest corner of Michigan boulevard and Washington street, which Jarvis Hunt and Clark & Trainer have just completed, is attracting much attention, and people

are much impressed with it because of the beauty of design and the interior finish. J. Milton Trainer states that a little over 70 per cent of the space is rented."

Wallace G. Clark has the gall to be a candidate for re-election to the Sanitary Board.

Here is some red-hot information about the Wallace G. Clark crowd, from the pen of an official of the Board of Assessors, on last year's assessment figures:

"Wallace G. Clark of room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, did not file a schedule."

"Clark & Trainer of room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, did not file a schedule, and our office estimated them at \$1,500, which was not protested."

"A. R. Clark & Co., of room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, did not file a schedule, and our office estimated them at \$4,800. The Board of Review took them off the books."

"Wallace G. Clark, of 4520 Forrestville avenue, sent in a schedule for \$1,660, which was accepted by us."

"J. Milton Trainer, of 4523 Forrestville avenue, returned a schedule for \$1,310."

"Arthur R. Clark, of 4330 Ellis avenue, did not file. We estimated him at \$5,250. Was cut by the Board of Review to \$400."

Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, and J. Milton Trainer, doing business as Clark & Trainer, have moved from room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, where they were taxed \$28.60 on an assessment of \$1,500 for the taxes of 1913, to their new offices in the grand, new Michigan Boulevard Building, which they did so much to erect. And thereby hangs a tale of interest to taxpayers:

J. Milton Trainer, Wallace G. Clark, and Jarvis Hunt organized the Michigan Avenue Trust estate in which title to the property at the southwest corner of Michigan avenue and Washington street, 96x162½ feet, purchased from Montgomery Ward & Co., for \$1,100,000 was vested. The Michigan Boulevard office building which cost \$1,500,000, was erected on this land. The trustees gave two trust deeds to the land and building to be erected to secure loans aggregating \$2,200,000. To the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank they gave a trust deed to secure \$1,800,000 for ten years, with interest at 5 per cent. The other was to Mitchell D. Follansbee, covering the same property, to secure \$400,000 second mortgage guaranteed 6 per cent gold bonds, payable July 2, 1919, subject to the prior loan of \$1,800,000 described in the foregoing.

The science of tax dodging is honored by the Trust Press and ignored by the officials who should get after the rich "dodgers" whose failure to pay personal tax keeps up the high rate on real estate taxes.

Bradley will win because he is the strongest man in the field.

The Democrats will name two legislative candidates in each district.

Why has the fight on the Harvester Trust been abandoned?